

The Times' Daily Short Story.

PRACTICAL MARRIAGE

(Original.)
There is no element in a man's life that contributes more to his success or failure than the woman he chooses for a helpmeet.

Ralph Baward married a girl who thought more of her present comfort than keeping her husband in those channels for which he was fitted. No sooner did he begin to win a competence in one field than she proceeded to remove him to another. She disliked the country, so she made his life miserable till he pulled up stakes and went to the city. Then she took it into her head that she preferred to live in the same place with his mother, and they moved again. A rolling stone gathers no moss, and the Baward family gathered only debts.

One day a young woman of pleasing appearance called at Baward's office to collect a debt of long standing. Baward asked her if she knew where he could borrow the money (\$100) on his note. "At what interest?" asked the girl. "I'll pay as high as 3 per cent a month," was the reply. "For how long?" "Oh, as long as you like—three years." The girl thought awhile, then said she would lend him the money herself. "Give me your note for \$3," she said, "and we will be square." Baward asked her what she meant. "The amount loaned is \$100, the interest \$108. You will owe me \$3 and get no money."

Baward was taught a lesson that he never forgot.

Five years passed. Baward was a widower. From the time of his wife's death he managed his affairs with proper care and got them in fair condition. He was very lonely, but he was untrammelled, and it was possible for him to remain in one place and accumulate. The only drawback financially was that he had no one to attend to the buying of household supplies, which needed constant attention, since prices were rising with frightful rapidity. His capital was still limited, and he was not yet very quick pay. This kept him from that financial good standing which enables a man to get on.

One day the same woman collector who had called upon him before came to his office to collect a debt. She looked tidy and thrifty, and what little she said was to the point. Baward kept her talking as long as he could. He had the money to pay with, but he did not care to pay. He was thinking what a valuable woman the collector was. Baward chatted with her good naturedly and drew her into commonplace affairs, quietly drawing her out. He soon made up his mind that she was a very practical as well as attractive young woman. Thus he won her sympathy by telling her his trou-

bles, assured her that he was doing the best he could and ended by offering to pay up the indebtedness by installments. If she would call every Saturday afternoon he would pay something on account till the matter was settled. To this she agreed and took her departure.

The next Saturday she called, and Baward in addition to the installment had a few flowers for her, an acknowledgment, he said, of her kindness, her trouble and her patience. She accepted them gladly and warmed to the donor. The next Saturday after that a buggy was standing at the door, and he invited her to take a drive. He said she would oblige him by doing so; that he was not very well, he needed recreation and had no companion unless she would go with him. To show her that he was not using money that should go to pay his account he gave her a double installment.

During the ride he told her that he had two nice little tots at home, but had no suitable person to take care of them. She pitied the poor widower and said she would like to see them. He gave his home address, and during the next week she went in and spent an hour with them. Then followed some toys. On her next coming to the office she gave him an invitation to call upon her.

Baward called and was impressed with the pleasant appearance of the home, which was under the care of the young woman herself. He was especially struck with the homelike curtains, tablecloths—indeed, all articles that could be produced without being paid for. He made several calls and with each call was still more of the opinion that some young man who considers merely a pretty face and coy ways the proper attributes for a housekeeper was losing an opportunity.

The next Saturday afternoon when the collector called Baward, being alone in the office, handed her the remainder of the money due and took her receipt for the account in full. Then he said to her:

"Since our acquaintance began with a matter of business I wish it to continue as a matter of business. Usually affairs between men and women begin with love and end with business. That is the reason why marriage is said to be a lottery. I have observed that you are a sensible, frugal woman, with good business qualifications. I offer you the position of wife and housekeeper. If you accept you may be sure of my love."

The offer was accepted, and Ralph married his second wife. In her he found a helpmeet who instead of retarding him assisted him in getting on. His children were well taken care of, and, if they did not receive a mother's affection, did not lack for all that could be expected from one who was not their mother. The improved financial condition of the father was certainly to their comfort.

HARRIET CRAWLEY.

RELIEF FUNDS INTACT.

None of the Money Sent to San Francisco is Missing.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Secretary Taft yesterday received a telegram from J. D. Phelan, president of the San Francisco relief fund, stating that the fund was intact.

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Quaker
RANGES

Mrs. Sarah Heaney's Quaker Range Cost Her
Less Than a Cent a Day For 21 Years.

Woonsocket, R. I., Aug. 30, 1906.
A. S. Cook Company,
Woonsocket, R. I.
Gentlemen:—I purchased my Quaker range in June, 1885, of Joseph Proulx, this city. Its number is 8-20 and it is in perfect condition. During the twenty-one years I have had it, it has had but two new grates and has been lined three times. It is a first class baker, is very economical on fuel, and has given me perfect satisfaction.
I would not change it for any other make and as far as my work is concerned, it is as good as a new one.
Respectfully,
Mrs. Sarah Heaney.

121 Old Street.

We want to tell you the history of Mrs. Heaney's range, for it is typical of the good service given by the Quaker Ranges all over New England.

In June 1885, Mrs. Heaney bought a Quaker Range for \$48.00 and in twenty-one years of constant use it has only cost her \$3.50 for grates and linings. This makes her total cost for twenty-one years, \$51.50—an average of only \$2.45 a year—less than 5c a week and less than one cent a day.

This is pretty cheap for a first class range, isn't it?—but there's more of the story to follow. At the end of twenty-one years, Mrs. Heaney's range was in such good condition, that it was worth \$25.00 and in addition to that she was the winner in one of our recent "Oldest Quaker Range Contests"—receiving in exchange for her old range, a new Quaker worth \$75.00.

Therefore after using a Quaker Range for twenty-one years, Mrs. Heaney is now the owner of a brand new Quaker—the finest in the line—and is actually \$24.50 to the good. What do you think of that?

C. W. Averill & Company, 13 North Main St., Barre, Vt.

THE PRESIDENT
AT PANAMA

Surprised Everyone by Being
Ahead of Time

SAW THINGS NOT INTENDED

For His Sight—Took Meals at Places
He Was Not Expected—Description
of His Visit by a
Resident There.

The following letter has been received by one of our subscribers and gives in an interesting way many sidelights of President Roosevelt's recent trip to the Panama Canal. It is a woman's story of three days' occurrences which will mean much in the future progress of that stupendous Yankee undertaking:

Cristobal, Canal Zone.
Dear Sister:—Charles is writing his home letter, so I will follow suit and write one to you. I hardly expect to hear from you for a while as I learned from mother that you had been ill. I did not receive any letter on today's steamer, but hardly looked to me. I am going to make this letter a description of the big events of the week.

Wednesday p. m. three U. S. warships anchored in our harbor and our President received a cannon salute of twenty-one shots. Charlie set up his level and transit out on Palm avenue and nearly all Cristobal turned out to "have a look" but alas! We had all been wishing "Teddy" would see some good rains while here. A black cloud greeted them. I saw it coming and hurried into Judge—with the baby. Shortly after Mrs. and Miss—came and we spent the p. m. with Mrs.—. Had a pleasant time. Pres. Roosevelt wasn't expected to land until nine o'clock. Thursday a. m. A special train from Panama brought President Amador and party over from Panama. They were entertained over night by Mr. Tully, in charge of the Dept. of Material and Supplies. Just think, the President of this little Republic has had the honor of receiving a President of the United States—something none of the great rulers can boast of.

Thursday a. m. I had just finished dressing baby and was combing my hair, when Dowdy (Charlie's nigger) came up and said the President was on the dock; it was only 7:30 then. I never expected to see him. I got ready when Charlie came up and said if I could come right over, I would be in time for the exercises. You see, he had stolen a march on every one. Lieutenant Ramsey had planned to fire three salutes, one when he left the warship, one when he landed, and one when the train left for Panama. The first would have let us all know he was coming, but not hearing it everyone looked as if they had made a hasty toilet to get there to see the President. You have to get up early in the morning to get ahead of him. He was to dock at nine, and it was just 7:30 a. m. when he and Mrs. Roosevelt stepped upon the dock and took Cristobal by surprise. Charlie happened to be there at the time, looking after the new road. He let me know immediately. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt had a good chance to look around and have a quiet laugh to themselves before the crowd arrived. When I reached there, they were firing the first salute. Then he came to the center of the dock and the Cristobal school children sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" for him. He shook hands with the teachers and Judge Reddell, Supt.

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of schools, and spoke a few words to them. Then he boarded a special car and he and Mrs. Roosevelt stood on the rear of it, while they received the delinquent committee who should have been there first to receive him. Altogether he was there about half an hour, an interesting character I assure you. Mrs. Roosevelt has a pleasing manner, was dressed in quiet but handsome gray ton suit. There was Chief Engineer Stevens, his wife, Chairman Shonts and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Baird, P. R. R. Supt., Col. Gorgas and wife, Pres. Amador and wife, (he is quite old, but his wife is much younger). Pres. Roosevelt nearly shook her hand off, but Pres. Amador greeted Mrs. Roosevelt with all the dignity and courtesy of a Spanish gentleman. Then there were two bishops representing the church and several others of minor importance. The train started for Panama about 8:15—a second salute was given. Oh! I forgot to mention that all the marines were down from Camp Elliott and lined up, and that the Panama Canal Commission band assisted by the German band from the steamer, rendered some fine selections. All the steamers were decorated with flags and every store in Colon, before the warships had been in the harbor an hour. You never saw such "freeco changes."

That p. m. Pres. Roosevelt rode over all the streets in Panama with an escort of 100 mounted horses. He went to La Boca, the Pacific entrance to the Canal. While there a special train was sent over to bring him back to the hotel Trivette to dinner. He sent the train back and to the amusement of everyone, took dinner at the La Boca mesa, without an exception the worst on the Isthmus, and the Government runs them all on a poor enough scale. He said "It wasn't fit for pigs to eat at." Gave Jackson Smith, head of Bureau Labor and Quarters, a call-down. By this time everyone began to realize that "Teddy" was here to see everything and not the things hatched up for him. Big reception at Pres. Amador's Thursday evening.

Six a. m. Friday found him at Culebra Cut. Took them by surprise. Another reception that evening. Saturday a. m. He went to Gatun, proposed seat of a new reservoir, and from there to the Mt. Hope camp and reservoir. My friends Mr. and Mrs.—had the pleasure of their company for two hours. Cristobal hotel improved their bill of fare, thought the President would eat there, but he ate at camp. Coming from Mt. Hope, Col. Hope never used the train on a. m. He went in every morning to the laborers' quarters at Fox River. Had the colored watchman show him around. He shook hands with him also. That tickled the niggers. They called him "Uncle Sam," saying "Uncle Sam isn't afraid to shake hands with a nigger."

"Look at him walk!" "See him go!" "Teddy" was darning from one place to the other. He tore along down to Colon, taking in everything, big store house, Mt. Hope, meat market, commissary, etc., and wound up by riding all over Colon. Front st. was lined with people on both sides. The President was standing on a small bridge leading from one P. R. R. station to the other, overlooking the whole of Front st. Cristobal Fire Department made a fire run from Cristobal to the P. R. R. station, the whole length of Front st. Then the hydrants at the intersections of the cross streets were turned on and seven large streams of water thrown into the air through the fire hose. This was done to show the pressure of the water and the work of our Engineering Department, as well as the Fire Department. After this display, the President inspected all the in Colon, hospital building, drainage Canal, sewerage, street work, etc., and he struck plenty of mud, for he poured all day Thursday and Friday. Saturday was pleasant.

This takes us up to the reception here, Saturday evening. I am going to leave that for my next letter, for you are tired by this time, and so am I. Everyone in Colon says, "Our President is a fine man." He made a big impression on the colored people—he is democratic in his ways—his influence will be felt for some time. This is the first regular inspection this work has ever had and we all feel as if every corner had been looked into. He has seen everything they didn't want him to see. He seemed to catch onto the fact that things were fixed up for him and was determined to see the very things that they didn't show him.

I must close now, as Madeline is coming to fuss. We are all well, with the exception of slight colds we caught at the reception. Baby keeps gaining. I bought her a rubber doll today; she was very much pleased with it—something new, you know. Hope to hear some good home news before long.

Love,
Your Sister

Barbarous Pains Water.

We are far from blaming the preference of the Saine for warning us that it is dangerous to drink the water that it supplies us without boiling it. The system, in spite of the millions wasted, is absolutely barbarous. When it does not rain we have no water, and when it does rain the water is not drinkable. —Paris Echo.

Parsons.

Parsons are much better educated than any other Indians. In every 10,000 Parsons men 4,075 know English. Among the Hindoos only 64 in 10,000 speak English.

IN LOCAL
MARKETS

Strictly Fresh Eggs and Butter
Higher

DRESSED PORK EASIER

Veal Firm—Chickens Steady—Hubbard
Squash Is Also Steady and Cab-
bage at 1 1/2c Per
Pound.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 6, 1906.
Strictly fresh eggs and butter go up again. Dressed pork easier and veal firm. We quote wholesale prices as follows:

Dressed pork—Easier at 7 1/2c @ 8c.
Fancy veal—8 1/2c @ 9c.
Native Lambs—11c @ 12c.
Mutton—9c @ 10c.
Rocks—12c @ 13c.
Native beef—Firm at 5 1/2c @ 6c.
Butter—Fancy dairy, 26c @ 27c.
Creamery—Choice, 30c.
Eggs—Strictly fresh and good demand at 37c @ 38c per dozen.
Hubbard squash—Plenty at 1c per pound.
Cabbage—1 1/2c per pound.

RICKER'S ST. JOHNSBURY MARKET.

Prices Paid for Poultry and Live Stock
For Past Week.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., Dec. 5.—The receipts at W. A. Ricker's market for the week ending December 4 were:
Poultry, 1,000 pounds, 7c @ 8c.
Lambs—70, 4c @ 5c.
Hogs—250, 5c @ 5 1/2c.
Cattle—60, 3c @ 4c.
Calves—300, 3c @ 4c.
Milk Cows—\$25 @ 45.

IN BOSTON MARKETS.

Butter Higher in Price—Eggs Remain High.

Boston, Dec. 5.—A further advance is noted in local prices of butter. The rise is due largely to the strength at outside markets, for, though receipts are light the demand is not at all sharp. Nearly all grades are a cent a pound higher. The demand is not at all sharp, but is firm but not very active. Eggs remain high and firm under scant offerings.

Quotations follow:
Butter—Creamery extras, Vermont and New Hampshire 30c, northern New York 29 1/2c @ 30c, western 29 1/2c @ 30c, creamery extra, northern 27c @ 28c, western 27c @ 28c, seconds 25c @ 26c, thirds 18c @ 21c, eastern creamery, best marks 25c @ 26c, extras 24 1/2c @ 25c, firsts 23c @ 24c, dairy, extra 27c, common to good 20c @ 26c, western imitation creamery 21c @ 22c, western brands 19c @ 21c, packing stock 18c @ 20c, renovated butter 20c @ 22c, boxes 18c @ 20c, prints 18c @ 20c.

Cheese—New York twins, fancy 13 1/2c @ 14c, fair to good 12 1/2c @ 13c, Vermont twins, fancy 12 1/2c @ 13c, Wisconsin twins 12c @ 13c. Eggs—Fancy henery 45c, eastern extras 40c @ 42c, common to good 38c @ 40c, fancy western 32c @ 34c, choice 30c @ 32c, fair to good 26c @ 28c, western dories 16c @ 20c, refrigerators 19c @ 22c.

Dressed Poultry—Fresh killed northern and eastern turkeys, choice young 23c, common to good 20c @ 22c; fowl, choice 15c, common to good 12c @ 14c; chickens, choice large 16c @ 18c, mixed sizes 13c @ 15c; green ducks, 14c @ 15c; geese 14c @ 15c; chickens, near by broilers, choice 1 1/2c to 4 pounds per pair, 20c @ 22c per pound; fair to good, 15c @ 16c; pigeons, 50c @ \$1.50 per dozen; squabs, \$1.75 @ \$2.25 per dozen; western live-packed turkeys, young 17c @ 18c, common to good 14c @ 16c; fowl, choice 13c, fair to good 11c @ 12c; chickens, choice large 13 1/2c @ 14c, mixed sizes 11c @ 12c; broilers, fancy 15c @ 16c; old cocks 10c; western dry-packed turkeys, choice young 15c, common to good 13c @ 17c; chickens, choice large 14c, fair to good 12c @ 13c; fowls, choice large 13 1/2c @ 14c, common to good 11c @ 12c.

Live Poultry—Fowls 12c, spring chickens 11c @ 12c, roasters 7c @ 8c.

Potatoes—Arrostook Green Mountain 50c @ 52c per bushel; Hebrons, 48c @ 50c.

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Heart Beat

Forces about 8 ounces of blood out of the heart, and sends it coursing through the veins to the remotest part of the body. This is the amount required by nature to nourish and sustain your body. Every ounce less than this means a shortage in nature's supply of building-up material. A weak heart cannot meet this demand, and consequently you suffer. If your heart skips a beat, or flutters, palpitates, pains you, or you have shortness of breath, you may be sure that the heart is working imperfectly.

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THE ROYAL BOX.

William III. originated England's national debt by obtaining a loan in 1694.

The Sultan of Turkey is said to possess a fire screen 200 years old, made from the tanned skins of twelve faithful slaves who rescued a former sultan from a blazing palace.

Because of her devotion to her child, the Princess of Wales is called an old fashioned mother, to distinguish her from the smart set mothers who regard their offspring as a bore. Whenever it is possible she takes her youngsters with her.

Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria is a very distinguished ornithologist, and his knowledge of the science of birds is equalled by very few in Europe. He devotes a good deal of time to the subject and is a member of the Ornithological society of Vienna.

LAW POINTS.

The purchase by a corporation of shares in its own capital stock is held in Hall versus Alabama Terminal and I. Company (Ala.), 2 L. R. A. (N. S.) 330, to be a fraud upon its creditors. A supplemental bill in the nature of a bill of review is held in Hardwick versus American Can Company (Conn.), 1 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1623, to be a proper proceeding to bring before the court new matter discovered by defendant while the decree is in process of execution.

Abusing and assaulting a judge after he has retired from the courtroom upon adjournment subject to notice because of his disposition of a case immediately prior thereto are held in ex parte McCown (N. C.), 2 L. R. A. (N. S.) 603, to constitute contempt at common law.

Neapolitan Women.

A Neapolitan female peasant will carry on her head a vessel full of water to the very brink over a rough road and not spill a drop of it.

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